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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/748,014	Applicant(s) KAO, SUN-CHUEH	
	Examiner Roberto Rábago	Art Unit 1713	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-63 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38-63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group II, claims 38-63, with election of species, in the reply filed on 1/19/2006 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Following a search of the prior art, the remaining species are joined for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 38-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

(a) In claim 38 (and all claims dependent thereon), the intended scope of "catalyst component" is unclear because it cannot be determined whether the scope of the component requires a catalyst compound, or whether it can be any component of a catalyst system. The specification defines "catalyst compound" as a transition metal compound activatable for olefin oligomerization/ polymerization [0019], but does not appear to require that a catalyst component contain a catalyst compound.

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(b) Claim 39 (and all claims dependent thereon) are indefinite in that it cannot be determined whether the "carrier" is in addition to the support specified in the parent claim. A literal reading of the claim would appear require that the claim include both a support (from the parent claim) and "further comprise ... a carrier" (from claim 39), for a total of two supports/carriers.

(c) Claim 56 (and all claims dependent thereon) are indefinite because the scope of "additionally discovered catalyst compound" cannot be determined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 38-50 and 52-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reddy et al. (US 6,214,949).

The reference discloses in Examples 25-29 a catalyst composition comprising contacting a supported ZN catalyst, a first metallocene and a second metallocene in the presence of MAO and TEAL, including all claimed limitations.

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6. Claims 38-46 and 48-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Nemzek et al. (US 6,069,213).

The reference discloses in Examples 3, 4, 7 and 8 a catalyst composition comprising a silica-supported catalyst comprising MAO (as first catalyst component) and either BuCpZ or SIZR-2 (as second catalyst component), mixed with an unsupported metallocene comprising either BuCpZ or SIZR-2, including all claimed limitations.

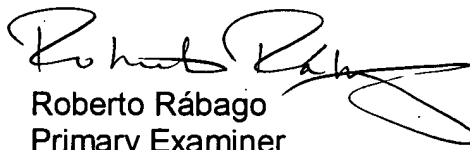
In the event that the intended scope of "catalyst component" is one which requires a "catalyst compound" as defined in the specification, then the use of a second metallocene in the supported composition would be obvious in view of the disclosure at col. 1, lines 24-28, which recommends using "at least one supported metallocene" for the stated purpose of improved control of the polymerization. One of ordinary skill in the art would be further motivated to use two metallocenes on a support because patentee has exemplified such a component in Example 5.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberto Rábago whose telephone number is (571) 272-1109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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